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## HERNDON NAMED "TREE CITY USA" FOR 19th CONSECUTIVE YEAR

Herndon, VA (March 11, 2008) – The National Arbor Day Foundation has named Herndon, Virginia, as a "Tree City USA" in recognition of the Town's commitment to its community forest. This is the 19<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that Herndon has received the Tree City USA designation, by having in place four standards: a tree board or department; a tree care ordinance; a comprehensive community forestry program; and an Arbor Day observance.

"Trees in our cities and towns help clean the air, conserve soil and water, moderate temperature and bring nature into our daily lives," said John Rosenow, president of the foundation. "Tree City USA designation recognizes the work of elected officials, staff and citizens who plant and care for the community forest. These communities deserve recognition and thanks."

According to John Dudzinsky, community forester for the Town of Herndon, the Tree City USA designation will be celebrated at the Town's Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration, to be held Saturday April 26, 9:30am – 12:30pm at the Herndon Municipal Center Town Green.

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest

town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 22,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 23,500 people. In 2006, Herndon was named one of the "best affordable suburbs" in the nation by *Business Week* Magazine.

For more information, visit the Town's website at www.herndon-va.gov.

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